

Machiavelli Presentations

These may be presented as individual speeches or in groups. Each student should prepare enough material for a 2-4 minute presentation.

All speeches must reflect ideas, concepts, quotes from Machiavelli's *The Prince*. In addition to the excerpt read in class, you may do additional research and incorporate those ideas. If you do so, be sure to include an MLA Works Cited.

Presentation ideas:

- Research a current or historical political figure who demonstrates Machiavellian traits. Give biographical information about your subject and then compare and contrast his/her actions and beliefs to those studied in relation to *The Prince*.
 - Variation: Instead of doing one historical person in depth, analyze multiple figures. One interesting way is to do this around a theme. Example: American presidents who were Machiavellian.
- Role play: Set up a Machiavelli talk show where your host is Machiavelli interviewing well known public figures and/or celebrities. The interview should reflect ideas, beliefs, and quotes from *The Prince*.
 - Variation: Use an existing talk show host such as Oprah who then interviews Machiavelli or someone well known who is clearly Machiavellian.
- Provide solutions: Consider several modern day issues, such as the recession, increasing world tensions, and offer Machiavellian solutions to the problems.
- Other: Come up with a project of your own that reflects Machiavellian traits.